

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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:
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

- v. - :

ROBERT FARKAS, :

Defendant. :

ORDER

18 Cr. 340 (LGS)

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WHEREAS, defendant ROBERT FARKAS is scheduled to enter a guilty plea before the Honorable James L. Cott the week of June 15, 2020;

WHEREAS the defendant has requested that his guilty plea be taken remotely by video conference or by telephone conference, if video conference is not reasonably available;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the proceeding take place remotely;

WHEREAS the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities Act, findings made by the Judicial Conference of the United States, and the March 30, 2020 Standing Order of Chief Judge Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty pleas to be taken by video teleconference, or telephone conference if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available, subject to certain findings made by the District Judge;

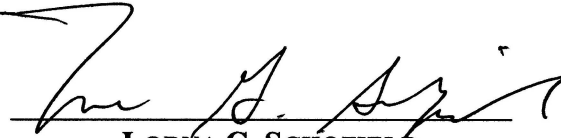
WHEREAS the Court understands that the Honorable James L. Cott shall hear the defendant's plea by telephone because video teleconference is not reasonably available;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS that because defendant Robert Farkas has consented to proceeding remotely and for the reasons set forth in the parties' application dated June 12, 2020,

the plea proceeding cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice and may proceed remotely by telephone conference.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
June 15, 2020



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE